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THE NAVAL DEFENCES OF NEW YORK.

BY HOWARD PAUL.



OR the following notes, which will be of interest in these warlike days, I am indebted to an American naval officer of long experience in the Empire City. I commend their reading to the Spanish authorities. The Bay of New York, commercially speaking, is the open door to the United States; and since the blowing up of

the *Maine* at Havana the defences of the great Metropolis of the West have been freely discussed by uninformed people. It is not generally known that

New York is Practically Impregnable. So long as her defences hold out no fleet of vessels could get within range of the city. No gun on any man-of-war could throw a shell nearer to the city than a village called New Utrecht (six miles distant), and if a shell got as close as that the boat that fired it would probably be at the bottom of the bay before she could throw a second.

There are four channel entrances to New York Harbour. The nearest point to New York City that any vessel of man-of-war draught could reach without entering one of these channels is off Coney Island. Now as to

The Means of Attack.

The most formidable guns carried by any Spanish man-of-war are 10-in. rifles. A 10-in. gun in a barbette has an effective range of six miles. This range is so short because the gun cannot be elevated to a sufficient height to make it longer. An unparalysed 10-in. gun—that is, a gun not in a barbette or turret—has a range perhaps two miles greater on shipboard. This longer range would require the extreme elevation that can be given to a gun afloat. Now, from the entrance to the harbour within a radius of eight miles, there is hardly anything that can be damaged. From the point mentioned nearest New York, off Coney Island, eight miles would include Flatbush, Flatlands, New Utrecht, and Canarsie. This is the longest range possible for any gun in the Spanish Navy on a vessel lying outside the harbour.

Now for the Defences.

They are located at Sandy Hook, Fort Wadsworth, Fort Hamilton, and Plum Island, and these are all fortified with modern guns. At Sandy Hook alone there are between fifty modern 10 and 12-in. rifled cannon. These guns are capable of an elevation that gives them a range of twelve miles. Shooting in a straight line, of course, they could not throw a projectile anything like that distance; but elevated they can drop tremendous projectiles loaded with explosives on a given object.

Twelve Miles Distant.

The point nearest New York outside the harbour where hostile ships could lie is within eight miles of these big guns at Sandy Hook. So it will be inferred that ships would not lie there longer than a few minutes if they succeeded in reaching the spot at all.

All four entrances to the harbour are under

The Guns of Sandy Hook.

These guns alone, so long as they are active, would sink any ship attempting to enter the harbour. There are also four mortar-batteries at Sandy Hook, and each can throw a steel projectile 12 in. in diameter loaded with 80 lb. of explosives. These projectiles can be hurled up in the air to fall on the deck of a ship.

These guns and mortar-batteries could not be successfully assaulted from the sea, for the reason that the 10-in. and 12-in. guns are mounted on 40 ft. of solid concrete, protected by enormous banks of sand. The guns are on disappearing carriages, and are aimed before they can be seen by an enemy. The gun being aimed, it bobs up; in an instant it is fired, and the

recoil sends it down out of sight again. A bomb-proof cover closes over the hole out of which it rose. Before a gun aboard ship could be sighted the big gun ashore has gone.

The mortar-batteries are in pits inland from the fortifications in which the big guns are placed. They cannot be seen either from the sea or the surrounding country. To hit one of them, except by an off-chance, is almost impossible.

These two means of defence are again aided by

The Torpedo Lines,

which extend across the channels. Nothing afloat could pass them and live. They can be exploded twenty at a time if necessary. The four channels that afford entrances to the harbour are all remarkably narrow. One or two cannal-boats sunk across any one of them would block it absolutely. Their ways are so tortuous that shifting the buoys and the range-lights in the harbour would result in a vessel's going ashore—which means disaster.

There is not an anchorage in the Lower Bay

that is not underlaid with torpedoes, and any vessel attempting to come to anchor, once it got in, would be

Blown Sky High.

Torpedoes, while they are loaded with dynamite, are harmless until they are fired from the shore. This is an interesting point in connection with the disaster to the *Maine*. If a boat bumped against twenty of them at the same moment they would not explode. It requires an electric current to make them active and dangerous, and the current is managed entirely from the shore.

The Electric Operator

sits with a glass watching an approaching vessel. When she is over a torpedo he presses a button, and the torpedo does the rest. In time of peace, if the torpedoes are laid ready for business, the keys that explode them are guarded with more care than the treasure-laden vaults of a bank. There is no such thing as their being touched off accidentally, or without the full knowledge of the officials in charge.

I will assume now that, instead of trying to enter the harbour, a hostile fleet reached Coney Island, as the point nearest to New York that is approachable. The fleet then would be in close range of the guns of

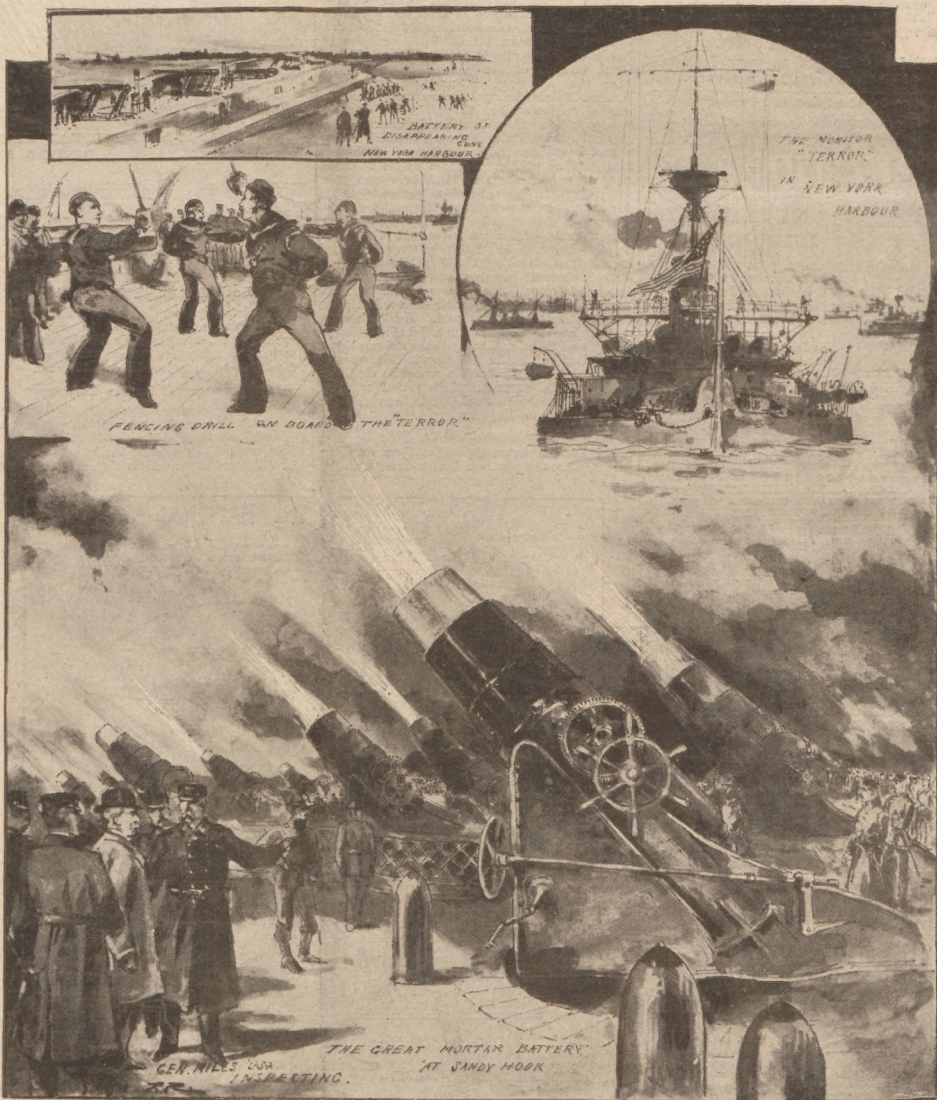
Forts Wadsworth and Hamilton.

The vessels that endeavoured to shell the city from that place would be pegged away at by from fifty to sixty of the heaviest ordnance in the world.

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Talk of London.

OUR PACIFIC PRINCE.

H. R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, on his arrival at Charing Cross on Monday evening, bronzed from his Riviera holiday, merited more than usual the cordial greetings which he acknowledged in his customary genial and smiling manner. For Prince Bonhomme has availed himself of every opportunity since he left England to advocate Peace and friendly relationships among the Great Powers. H.R.H. was prompt in the first place to increase his popularity in Paris by visiting the site of the great International Exhibition which is to draw "all the world and his wife" to the French capital in 1900, and his good-humoured salute of the blue-bloused ouvriers met with a hearty response, and doubtless tended not a little to the enhanced cordiality with which English people are being received in France. Then, at Cannes, H.R.H. spoke an earnest word for Peace, in presiding with his habitual urbanity at the opening ceremony of the new pier, and his timely words contributed in a still greater degree to cement the entente cordiale between the two nations. Now the Prince is back again among his loyal fellow-countrymen, participating in our healthy sports and pastimes, and giving his countenance to the favourite playhouses. London seems more itself again. Town will be still brighter when H.R.H. the Princess of Wales likewise returns for the season to Marlborough House in company with Princess Charles of Denmark and Princess Victoria, whose affliction of sleeplessness has won for H.R.H. general sympathy.

America's Adjutant-General.

As war appears at the moment I am writing to be on the eve of being declared between the United States and Spain—though the game is not worth the candle, as Mr. Phelps, the ex-United States Minister to this country, clearly thinks—it will be deemed opportune to give a portrait of the distinguished officer of the United States Army who occupies a similar position to that which one of our bravest soldiers, General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., occupies in England. I refer to Adjutant-General Henry Clark Corbin, of the United States Army. Like the American Commander-in-Chief, General Miles (sketched on another page), he was a graduate of that patriotic Volunteer Service which did such splendid work for the North in the "little difference," which is now almost forgotten. Adjutant-General Corbin is in the prime of life. He is a native of Ohio. Born at a farm there in 1842, he comes of a good Virginian stock, which migrated to Ohio. He was but twenty when he enlisted, and fought so well that he became Colonel with brevet rank of Brigadier-General when but twenty-three. In 1864 he rose to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fourteenth United States Coloured Infantry, and was soon after appointed Colonel. He subsequently entered the Regular Army, and rose with deserved celerity to his present important post. He has served on the staffs of Generals Hunt, Schofield, Terry, Crook, and Miles, and enjoyed the friendship of General Grant, when President. He was by President Garfield's bedside when he died the victim of an assassin. His varied military experiences make General Corbin the right man for his present all-important post.

Primrose Day

found London more springlike than ever, so profuse were the primrose button-holes worn by



ADJUTANT-GENERAL HENRY CLARK CORBIN, OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

men and women. Lord Beaconsfield's statue at Westminster, facing the Houses of Parliament he adorned, was richly decorated with primroses once again on Tuesday. In a word, Primrose Day is an institution; and the Primrose League is a political body to be reckoned with. One of the earliest of Primrose Leaguers, the late

Lord Randolph Churchill

was fittingly honoured on the eve of Primrose Day by the unveiling of his bust in one of the corridors of St. Stephen's by Sir Michael Hicks Beach, who made a most sympathetic speech, which touched Lady Randolph to the core.

So the Crystal Palace Company

is to be reconstructed after all. It is to be hoped Mr. Henry Gillman will be retained as General Manager, and Mr. Gardner as Secretary. Their practical experience must be invaluable. Mr. Gillman writes: "It is an interesting fact,

and one that speaks volumes for the refining influence resulting from the extended facilities provided in recent years for recreation and high-class amusement, that though during the Easter holidays the Crystal Palace has been visited by over 197,000 people, not a single instance of drunkenness or disorderly behaviour was reported, nor was a single shrub injured, nor a statue broken."

An Impressive Masonic Function

is to be performed this (Saturday) afternoon at Anderson's Hotel, where V. W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, is to consecrate the Old Masonians' Lodge, assisted by V. W. Bro. Richard Eve (P. G. Treasurer), W. Bro. J. Morris McLeod (P. G. S. B.), V. W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P. G. C., W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P. G. D., W. Bro. T. A. Bullock, P. G. S. B., W. Bro. Charles E. Keyser, P. G. D. W. M. Designate, and other Masons of distinction.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge,

presiding at the annual meeting of the Royal School for Daughters of Officers, pleaded strongly for public support. The institution is, unfortunately, in debt. Some handsome subscriptions have been received, but a considerable sum is needed to place the institution on a sound basis. The gallant conduct of our officers, which has proved of such inestimable value recently in the field, entitles them to the kindly remembrance of the country when appealed to on behalf of their orphaned daughters. Their boys are more easily provided for, and generally follow in the footsteps of their brave fathers. But the Duke of Cambridge did well to plead earnestly for contributions to the admirably conducted school for Army officers' daughters at Bath.

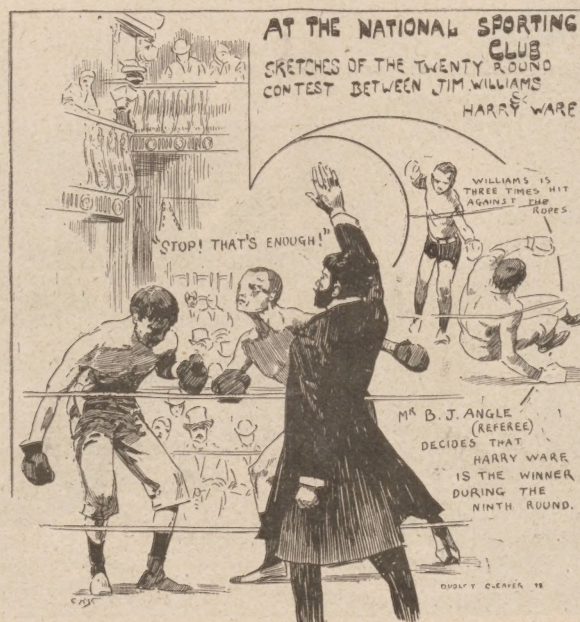
The Queen of Holland

has been enjoying a visit to Paris, where her brilliant complexion and rosy cheeks gained a host of French admirers. The Queen-Mother was with Queen Wilhelmina, who shows her mamma the utmost respect. Dutch Royalty has not always been so respected in Paris. Alphonse Daudet, in his famous story "Kings in Exile," made awful fun of him.

The Prince of Orange,

who led a wild life in the "Gay City." In Daudet's novel he is called "Prince Citron." He was devotedly attached to a beautiful Creole vocalist, named Ambre, and it was on the cards that she might have become Queen of the Netherlands. "Life's little ironies," as Thomas Hardy calls them, may be seen in the fact that the once-beautiful Creole died in Paris a day or two before the young Queen reached the city.

"There Shall be No More Marriages," Hamlet said; and so would Mrs. Lillian Harman say. She intends to hold a meeting at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday, the 30th inst., when the objects she proposes will be to discard the marriage bond, to secure equal rights for illegitimate children with those born in wedlock, and generally to establish absolute freedom in regard to the union of the sexes. But she reckons



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PRIMROSE DAY.



LORD BEACONSFIELD'S STATUE AT WESTMINSTER DECORATED.

without Mrs. Grundy. The lady, "having the courage of her opinions," lived with a Mr. Walker in Kansas for some time, but was prosecuted by the authorities and sent to prison for not marrying according to the Kansas law. The lady's idea is that of a partnership in which, when one party desires to separate, the union shall be dissolved and the parties left free to enter into a fresh engagement as if there had been a divorce. But the love of children comes in to make most couples troubled with incompatibility of temper or unsympathetic dispositions bear the ills they have rather than fly to others they know not of.

The Grave of Livingstone.

From the missionary journal called *Echoes of Service* I learn that those devoted missionaries, Mr. Daniel Crawford and his wife, visited Livingstone's grave in Africa, and erected a fence round it. Mrs. Crawford describes it as "a lonely deserted spot where lions are roaring the whole night long." The original inscription still remains, but the gigantic tree near which the bones of the great explorer lie is beginning to decay.

The Royal Academy

has rejected "outsiders" wholly this year. But this will occasion little surprise if it be true that seventeen thousand pictures were sent in. Mr. Herkimer, in a lecture recently given at Hampstead, said that about two thousand works from "outsiders" were considered "doubtful," but of these only about seventy were hung.

The Late Mr. Wootton Isaacson, M.P. had a remarkable career. His rise in social position was entirely due to his energy and talent. He began life as a commercial traveller in the firm of Copestake, Moore, and Co., Bow Churchyard. Then he became a partner in the millinery business of "Madame Elise," Regent Street, and afterwards did a large business on his own account in the silk trade. He left a fortune of over a million.

"The Medicine Man."

the new Trill-Hichens play in rehearsal at the Lyceum, is announced by Sir Henry Irving for May 4. It is called a melodramatic comedy. Old playgoers will remember Sir Henry Irving in "Hunted Down" at the St. James's in November 1866. It was his first experience in melodrama. He will not play the sensational character in this piece. Mr. Mackintosh sustains that. The play will have some striking East End scenes, and be mounted with the artistic completeness for which the Lyceum has become famous under the princely reign of Sir Henry Irving.

Princess's Theatre.

Last Saturday night this theatre closed with a final performance of "How London Lives" (now on tour). When it reopens it will be in a greatly altered form. The auditorium will be much enlarged, and advantage will be taken of all the new ideas of theatre-construction, so that every visitor may obtain a full view of the stage, where also immense changes are to be made by Mr. Albert Gilmer. In fact, according to the plans I have seen, no theatre in London will surpass the new Princess's. Seventeen years ago the present house was erected; but to some extent the new theatre will resemble the original establishment.

In "The Conquerors."

by Mr. Paul M. Potter, the St. James's management has secured an unsavoury play, which is revolting in its principal situation, and casts a totally undesired aspersions on the German Army, which carried out the war against France on the whole with consideration to non-combatants. Mr. George Alexander has done some good service to the stage by his superb revival of "As You Like It," and by his joyous representations of "Much Ado About Nothing" and "The Prisoner of Zenda," and other works, that it is to be hoped he will not prolong the run of this unpalatable drama, in which he has such a distasteful rôle in the part of the young German officer, who conducts himself in a French castle like a Goth, and resolves to dishonour the beautiful Yvonne de Grandpre, but is saved from disgracing himself by her tearful appeal to his better nature (delicately rendered by Miss Julia Neilson), and has the good fortune to make amends for his daftly intentions by killing a disolute innkeeper, who would throttle the heroine for the money she possesses. How Yvonne can bring herself to love this Eric is one of the puzzles of the piece; but she does return his passion; and the P.I.P. sketch depicts her as she appeals to her brother to spare her

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"The Belle of New York"

(Miss Edna May, a pretty young American actress of remarkable charm of manner and with a sweet voice) has turned the tide of fortune in the direction of the Shaftesbury, which has been crammed since the production of this marvellous, novel, fresh, and also musical comedy by Mr. Hugh Morton and Mr. Gustave Kerker. The golden youth of London crowd the stalls. The Prince of Wales hastened to secure a box. In fine, "The Belle of New York" has caught on directly, and booking is accordingly brisk. I congratulate Mr. Musgrove and his brother Directors on having secured Mr. George W. Lederer's lively New York comic opera. It is unique. There is not a dull moment in the sparkling New York scenes. Time passes swiftly and pleasantly, so full of charm is dainty, demure Edna May (of whom we must have more to say presently); so songful is reductive little Phyllis Rankin; so captivating from Miss Helen Dupont and her attendant nymphs, high-kickers with a vengeance; and so diverting and quaint in their way are Mr. Dan Daly, the prodigal Pa who does "the splits," Mr. J. E. Sullivan as a polite German lunatic, and Mr. Frank Lawton as a dexterous dancer and wonderfully good whistler.

The Kennington Park Theatre

will not only astonish South Londoners. If it equals the plans I have seen prepared by the architect, Mr. Sprague, it will be one of the most splendid playhouses in the Metropolis. It is to be ready next autumn. The lessee is Mr. Robert Bidder, who is much esteemed as a provincial Manager. Such magnificence and beauty as are promised at the Kennington Park Theatre have been hitherto unheard of "over the water." Outside, polished marble will dazzle the beholders; and within, gorgeous hangings and decorations of the most exquisite kind are promised—with due ventilation and freedom from draughts, I trust. The dramatic arrangements will be ample, with a stage eighty feet deep and fifty feet wide, having all the latest improvements. The house will seat nearly three thousand visitors.

"Too Much Johnson."

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THE PROMPTER.

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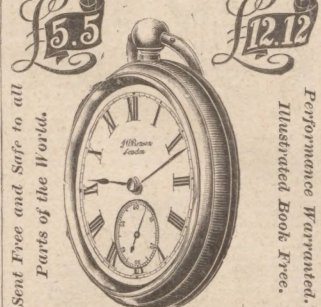
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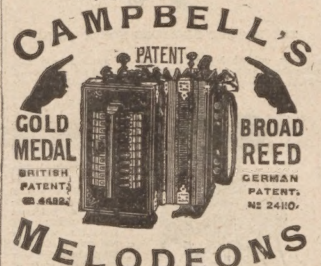
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Glorious bursts of sunshine such as we have been having of late send us on our way rejoicing, encouraged to don our bright new spring costumes. Among the prettiest of the dainty new hats is the Lily-of-the-Valley, an example of which I have sketched in Fig. 1. The shape itself is of the Watteau kind—which is one of the most popular this season—and is of spring-green satin basket straw. Around the low crown, spreading over the brim, the delicate tinted, long-pointed leaves of the lilies are arranged, sprays of the fairy-like flowers springing from them in all directions till the actual hat is almost hidden. At the back of the crown a profusion of accented green chiffon gives chic and height, while the space under the fitted brim at the back is filled with a choux of the same, accompanied by lilies and leaves. I must compliment a young married friend of mine on the marked good taste she has shown in embellishing a hat of the same kind with charming lilac and may blossoms: she seemed the fair embodiment of Spring.

THE NEW LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY HAT.

The New Pinafore Designs are endless, but out of many I have been recently admiring, that sketched in Fig. 2 was perhaps as novel as any besides being easy



THE NEWEST PINAFORE FOR A GIRL.

to carry out at home. It was of mull muslin and embroidery, and made smock fashion into a square-cut yoke of insertion. A strap of the same passed down the centre, the whole being edged with a flouncing of the embroidery. Under this edging (over the shoulders) was also an epaulette of the flouncing. The bottom of the pinafore was finished by a flouncing, insertion, and three small tucks; and from the point of the centre strap of insertion fell a bow and long ends of pale blue ribbon.



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"P.I.P." NEW STORIES.

Trick upon Trick.

BY WALTER BRUCE,

Author of "A Romance of the Transvaal," etc.

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CHAPTER I.

'Tis pleasant to think that wherever we rove There's always something blissful and dear; And when we are far from the lips that we love, We're but to make love to the lips that are near.

Sang erotic Tom Moore! And so chuckled Captain Hubert Vivian as he retired to his quarters after another terepsichorean indulgence. Like many other military officers he had at first voted Natalians to be dull station, but ere long had come to rather like it. He had found reasonably congenial society at the Victoria Club, and had been warmly welcomed in households where he could visit without losing caste.

There are a few good families in the city and vicinity, and more still was apt to be of good stock. The majority of Natal ladies are admittedly very susceptible to the "scarlet fever," and a good number of them positively "dote on the military." An officer of almost any grade is regarded as a catch for the average Natalian girl; and if, like the Captain, he happens to be young, handsome, rich, and with a title in prospect, well, he would be no less an attraction to the female mind almost anywhere.

Since his arrival in Pietermaritzburg, Captain Vivian had been greatly in request at social functions, and had been much petted by mothers and daughters alike. In the course of the half-century or so that Pietermaritzburg has had a British garrison, some score Natal maidens have captured officers, and there seemed no reason why the Captain, although not at the time very enthusiastic on the subject of marriage, could not also be caught in the matrimonial net.

It was, of course, very pleasant to be regarded as such an eligible parti, and to be everywhere in favour with the gentler sex. And he was not goaded to be such a gossamer as to disclose his allegiance to the Lady Edith in England, and his intention of leading her to the altar after a certain further period of military duty. Why should he not meanwhile enjoy himself at every station, so long as he created no scandal? It was the custom of the service, and there seemed no reason why he should not improve the fleeting hour.

But as he chirped a slight tinge of uneasiness came over the gallant son of Mars regarding one fair Natal damsel. Had he not committed and compromised himself with pretty and seemingly guileless Jessie Desmond? He had ridden alone with her often enough, he had kissed her, he had whispered many warm words to her.

CHAPTER II.

Free and easy, soft and greasy, I'll be free and easy still.

So chuckled Mr. Maurice Desmond as he tilted the bottle of squarehead (Hollands) yet once again while he awaited the return of his only daughter from the ball. He had lived long in Pietermaritzburg, yet he was wont to hum a snatch of the old ditty which used to be the vogue in the homeland thirty years before.

Yes, I'll work that," he muttered; and his usually amiable countenance bore for a second a cunning and malignant expression. "If Jess hooks the Cap, I shall be saved; for he is rich, and I can make him my financial milk-cow. By gad! before he has been wed a week I will have a loan of five hundred from him. He will get repaid, of course. Ha! ha! And if he doesn't come up to the scratch, why, I'll pound him out of his regiment, and blackmail him for all that he's worth to the end of his days. Think me a green colonial, and Jess a young nunny captivated by his uniform, and honoured by the attention of an officer and a gentleman, I suppose. Does he? Wait a bit!"

After another appeal to the black bottle, Desmond took from a small cabinet a bundle of tiny notes of varied colour of paper, and mostly sweetly perfumed. He placed them on the table, and scanned them once again most critically. They were tell-tales. From "Dear Miss Desmond" they had ascended a crescendo in fervour to "Dear Jess," "Dearest Jess," and finally, "My dearest Jess." "Clever girl, Jess—she has drawn him beautifully," he murmured.

Mr. Desmond was a familiar type of Anglo-African. An adventurer of but little principle and of shady antecedents, he had got into the public service of the colony entirely by good luck, and through no good merit.

Jessie was a worthy daughter of such a sire. To a figure of fine and showy proportions, and a handsome and interesting face, she had joined all the instincts of a clever actress. Few men could resist her blandishments, and more than one simple colonial youth had gone to the gutter through worshipping at her shrine. All her efforts recently had, however, been directed to the Captain and she had been savagely determined to have either his hand and his name or some of his wealth. She knew well enough Captain Vivian thought he was making a toy of her, and artful she was with artless show. She was too clever for the son of Mars, and the "billets-doux" had already begun to have a legal value.

"Have you got him to the point yet, Jess?" was the first query of the calculating parent on the return of the daughter in the early hours.

"No, but I learn he will soon be at the Point at Durban, on his way hence," was the ready rejoinder.

"Then it's time to bring him up to the scratch," muttered Desmond.

Dawn had broken ere the two clever conspirators had concluded their confab and elaborated their plans. But to design and to execute are as widely different things as are dreams and realities.

Captain Hubert Vivian soon gathered that he was not to escape scot-free. The notes, if not legally incriminating, would ruin his prospects with Lady Edith if they became public, and would make the chaff of the mess unendurable while he remained in the regiment. To pay down a handsome lump sum to get off was offensive to his *amour propre*. Altogether he considered himself in a fine fix as he entered the office of Mr. Theodore Rapstone to get, if possible, a little useful legal advice.

Mr. Rapstone was a very acute legal luminary, but when he had learnt all the circumstances he could only advise the Captain that he was fairly in for it, and that if he wanted to keep out of court, and, worse still, out of the newspapers, he must pay and look pleasant.

"But surely if there is a way into a difficulty there's a way out of it," urged the irritated, but still sanguine Captain.

Mr. Rapstone was not anxious for the Captain's case, but tried to appear sympathetic.

"Well, there may be, but I don't see it just now. The best thing for you to do is to go and see Old Jack. He may be able to help you." And to the adjacent office of Mr. W. M. Jack, law agent, etc., repaired the Captain.

Mr. W. M. Jack, about as cute a legal jackal as ever escaped the gallows, was not in the slightest degree dependant on the subject. On the contrary, he formulated a plan on the spot which amused the Captain to a degree, and sent him away in a most hopeful mood.

Only one other person was taken into the plot. This was Miss Susan Hollins, the pert and pliable English domestic in the service of the Desmonds. Susie had long been disgusted with the kitchen Kaffie, and with her exacting young mistress; in fact with everything in the colony, and longed for London once again. To a scheme which promised her the wherewithal to voyage back again she lent a ready ear, and Mr. Jack was delighted with the instinct of dissimulation she exhibited.

"We're getting on, if nobody stops us," he muttered. "He has completed the final rehearsal with Susie and the Captain."

Miss Jessie Desmond was much taken aback, but much elated when, next afternoon, in the garden, Captain Vivian made a formal application for her hand, stipulating that she should give him a reply after a conversation and, of course, consultation with her parents. Desmond was jubilant when he heard the news, and made extra application to the demijohn to increase his rapture. For a few brief hours he was immersed in a Niagara of maudlin joy.

Miss Jessie built most enchanting castles in the air, and contemplated with vicious satisfaction the coming of the day when, as Lady Vivian, she would sub those of her lady acquaintances who had been more than harsh with her in the past.

Susie awaited the fitting opportunity for contributing her part of the play. To Miss Jessie she was unusually attentive, and regaled the aspiring young lady with many wonderful stories of fashionable West-End life. Cautionally and cleverly she came round to Captain Vivian, whose praises as an "officer and a nobleman" she sang in a very high key.

"But," quoth the wily maid, "what a sad pity it is that the worst form of insanity runs in the family. Two of his brothers have killed their wives by cutting their throats when they were sleeping in bed. And the peculiar thing is, it comes on with all of them when they get to the age of thirty-two; and Captain Vivian is now thirty-one. All the English ladies admire him, but none of them dare marry him, because the doctors say that although if he keeps single he may be all right, he is certain to cut his wife's throat if he marries."

Miss Desmond jumped from her chair, the embodiment of passion and dismay.

"How do you know this? Can it be so? Who told you?"

"Oh, I was for six years with a family who lived on the next estate to the Vivians, and everybody knows the terrible truth there, though they try to keep it dark. No English lady would dare to marry Captain Vivian, charming and elegant gentleman though he is."

Miss Desmond was dumfounded, and for once her rascally father had no new expedient to suggest.

The letter Captain Desmond duly received was a charming feminine composition, and testified to the extreme cleverness of the writer. One passage was especially interesting to the Captain.

"While conscious of the great honour you offer me, I must firmly and finally decline ever to be your wife. I return all your letters and presents, and you may regard this communication as strictly confidential. I wish you well, but I hope never to see you again."

The Captain duly married Lady Edith, and is now high in the service.

THE END.

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The Victory at Atbara.

[Colonel Murray, addressing the Seaforth Highlanders, said: "The news of victory must be in London to-night."]

THE man of midnight marches, called the Sirdar o'er the seas, Famed for his morning charges and his morning victories, With Maxwell's and Macdonald's men led on the march and fight, And when the pibroch sings of war a triumph is in sight.

A Murray, too, was there, with all the valour of his clan. Full many a victory has seen a Murray in the van.

A Murray's voice at Bannockburn the heart of Scotland fired; A Murray's voice at Atbara once more her sons inspired.

"The news of victory must be in London town to-night." No need of speech more eloquent to hasten on the fight.

The signal in the lifted sword of dawn before them shone, In answer, bagpipes skirled and Scots to victory pressed on.

Now swells the stirring Highland cheer and storms of bullets fly.

And Scots and English and Allies in dauntless daring vie.

Through sweeping shot, past deadly spear, o'er trenches on their way go.

And still the British shouts foretell a triumph o'er the foe.

Beneath that hail of death they force the fierce fantasies back.

A glorious spreading line that leaves dead foemen in its track.

A line unswerving though from out its ranks brave souls have gone;

Still British cheers unbroken ring, still stubborn Scots press on.

And still from right to left and on that line of valour spread,

With, as in many a rousing fight, the bagpipes on ahead.

Right nobly o'er the din arose the strains of Scottish pride:

Ay, bravely Piper Stewart played, and like a Scot he died.

From English and from Scottish ranks full many a hero fell,

But loss of leaders and of men no British heart could quell.

"The news of victory must be in London town to-night!"

Ay, victory, no other end to British eyes in sight.

Short, sharp, and glorious was the strife; still youthful was the day.

When rose the final shout which told the triumph of the fray:

To Khartoum yet another step, to England more renown,

To Scotland yet another gem in her victorious crown.

Now, honour unto Kitchener!—his worth and work have shown.

That hero-hearts and doughty deeds are still the Present's own.

And honour to the Highland blood, for honour ever shed!

The Camerons were Camerons in truth. Need more be said?

"Proud of such men?" ay, proud indeed. Like their own rugged heights

Immovable they stand, and e'er shall stand in sternest fights.

Time ne'er from Caledonia has borne in his retreat.

The soul that sprang from Flodden Field victorious in defeat.

And all the valour of the North, the North of fighting fame,

With England's blends and shines one star which both may nobly claim

For when new danger's to be dared, new glory to be won,

To light the world that star shall shine as it has ever shone.

Still shall the English clear the way, still stubborn Scots press on.

KATE BISHOP ("Kay Bee").

The "Murderous Low-Flash Oil," which occasions so deplorable a number of fatal "accidents," is being generally condemned since the *Star* threw its bright searchlight upon it. The *Star* notes "with the greatest satisfaction" that three journals of the weight and standing of the *Economist*, the *Investor's Review*, and the *Medical Press and Circular* lend their powerful advocacy to the side of public safety and common-sense, as against the remorseless commercialism of the Standard Oil Trust. The *Economist*, after a careful and damaging scrutiny of Sir Frederick Abel's strange contradictions of himself, comes to the conclusion that it is "the obvious duty of the Government and the Legislature to restore as speedily as possible our minimum standard of safety for lamp oils to 100 degrees or 105 degrees, as now required for lamp use in barracks."

Wife (to her Husband): "I say, my dear, how badly the tailor has put this button on your waistcoat. This is the fifth time I have had to sew it on again."

THE NEW SERIES OF "P.I.P." STORIETTES will be found most INTERESTING for HOUSEHOLD READING.

HOW THE WORLD WAGS.

THE QUEEN AND THE PRIME MINISTER.—On Sunday afternoon the Marquis of Salisbury (much improved in health, we are glad to hear) visited Her Majesty at the Hotel Regina, Chiswick; and on Monday the Queen, after welcoming the Duke of Oporto on his convalescence, drove with Princess Christian to Bessley House, Lord and Lady Salisbury, with whom they took tea. Her Majesty on Sunday sent to inquire after the health of President Faure.

The Prince of Wales Returned to London from Paris on Monday evening. The Princess, with Princess Charles of Denmark, arrived at Marlborough House from Denmark on Friday week, and spent Saturday and Sunday at Sandringham. The Princess of Wales and Princess Charles of Denmark travelled from Sandringham to Cromer on Monday to visit Princess Victoria of Wales. The Princess of Wales returned to Sandringham by the 3.10 p.m. train.

Her Majesty, who is patron of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest in the City Road, has contributed £25 to the Festival Dinner Fund.

The Duke and Duchess of York, with Prince Edward of York, who spent the greater portion of last week at Cromer on a visit to Princess Victoria of Wales, awaited the arrival of the Princess of Wales and Princess Charles of Denmark at Sandringham on Saturday afternoon.

The Duke of York Visited Portsmouth this week with the Duchess. Numerous rumours have been flying round associating the sailor Prince's name with the *Terrible* and also with the *Crescent*. It was reported that he would command the latter ship for the manœuvres. Next day it was contradicted. Then it was admitted that there was some truth in the report. Certainly, the *Crescent*, now at Portsmouth, does not look externally very fine for our future King to visit; but inside she was made specially trim and quite worthy the Duke and Duchess of York's inspection. H.M.S. *Crescent* is a very fine first-class cruiser, of nineteen-knot speed, carrying twelve 6-in. quick-firing guns, and a big 35-ton gun aft. Four of the guns on the main deck have armoured casemates, the engine hatchways are also armoured. Otherwise she is not ironclad, but trusts to a protective steel deck to keep shot from getting into her vitals. The *Crescent* is only getting ready to commission, and if he cares for the command Prince George will have her.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught were present on Saturday at the Military Tournament last week. T.R.H. were sketched by a P.P. Artist at the Aldershot Military Tournament last week.

F.-M. Lord Roberts, in writing to Messrs. Cassell and Company in reference to their excellent new serial

Princess Alexandrine of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, in wedding Prince Christian of Denmark at Cannes, has certainly shown herself to be perfectly unconventional, for she distinctly establishes a precedent, since in all Royal families it has always been the rule for marriages to be celebrated either at the home of the bride or the bridegroom. The presence of Queen Victoria on the Riviera, it is true, has attracted quite a galaxy of Royalties to the South of France; but it may well have been that the



PRINCESS ALEXANDRINE.



PRINCE CHRISTIAN OF DENMARK.

SCHLOSS SCHWERIN, THE RESIDENCE OF THE BRIDE.

young Prince and Princess would prefer privacy to brilliant publicity for their wedding. The curious fact is that immediately after the ceremony the young couple should go to Copenhagen, their future home, to spend the honeymoon. However, it is all very pretty, for it is a really genuine love match, and the bride, who possesses more than the average accomplishments, has already endeared herself to the people of the country of her adoption.



NEW YORK HARBOUR.

"LIBERTY," THE GUARDIAN ANGEL OF NEW YORK.

through the energy of Mr. J. Pulitzer, the enterprising and public-spirited owner of the *New York World*, the necessary money was obtained, and the statue—the largest made in modern times—is there to adorn the country of big things. Behind Bedloe's Island is Ellis Island, the headquarters of the Immigration Bureau, where destitute aliens are detained. Then comes Manhattan Island proper, a narrow sandy spit thirteen miles long, and from a few hundred yards to two miles broad, which juts southward between the Hudson and East Rivers. Abutting on the Bay is the Battery, the site of an old fort, now used as a public garden.

Commander Winfield Scott Schley, of the United States Flying Squadron, is a southerner, and is fifty-nine years of age. After the Civil War, his next active service was in the Pacific in 1864-66, quelling an insurrection of Chinese coolies on the Middle China Islands in 1868, and later, in the same year, landing at San Salvador, to protect American interests during a revolution. In 1870-71 he served in the Asiatic Squadron, and took part in the capture of the Korean forts on Saio River, after two days' fighting, in June 1871. He was promoted Commander in June 1874. In 1876-79 Commander Schley was on the *Bassett* Station, and in 1884 commanded the relief expedition that rescued the Arctic explorer Greely and six of his companions at Cape Sabine, in Grinnell Land, the rescuers passing through 1400 miles of ice during the voyage.



COMMANDER SCHLEY.

The Portraits of the Young King and the Reigning Queen of Spain will be glanced at with peculiar interest at this juncture, when the badly governed Spain appears to be imperilled by the quarrel between Spain and the United States respecting the badly governed Cuba. Queen Maria Christina, daughter of the late Archduke Charles Ferdinand of Austria, was the second wife of the late King of Spain, Alfonso XII., and she has reigned since his death. It will be seen that the youthful King, her son, Alfonso XIII., is but a lad yet. He is heir to a sea of troubles. Few can envy the lot of this young monarch in embryo.

The Sirdar (whose reception by the natives at Berber after the victory of Atbara was a notable event) has ordered back the special correspondents of the newspapers from "front," further operations against the Dervishes having been suspended until the end of July next. The Emir Mahmoud and a number of other Dervish prisoners arrived at Wady Halfa by train last Sunday morning from Basmah.

The Signal Victory of the Sirdar and the Anglo-Egyptian Force on the Atbara River has been hailed with intense satisfaction in Great Britain, and has even been the occasion of a congratulatory telegram from the German Emperor. Our sketch shows the

river near which Sir Herbert Kitchener captured Mahmoud. It was with a prophetic eye, probably, that after the good Friday victory some person chalked the word "Avenged."



The ATBARA.

on Gordon's statue in Trafalgar Square. It is only the sad price of victory that some brave officers and men should fall in the hour of triumph.

Captain Beauchamp Colclough Urquhart, Who was Killed in the Battle of Atbara.



S. M. le Roi Alphonse XIII.

Alfonso.

S. M. la Reine-Régente d'Espagne.

Maria Cristina

THE YOUNG KING AND QUEEN-REGENT OF SPAIN.



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H.M.S. "CRESCENT," THE MAN-OF-WAR WHICH THE DUKE OF YORK INSPECTED AT PORTSMOUTH, AND WHICH IT WAS RUMOURED THAT H.R.H. WOULD COMMAND.

edition of "British Battles on Land and Sea," which commences this week, says "I think this book a very excellent one, and I feel confident that the concise and interesting form in which it is prepared will meet with public approval. The value of works such as these cannot, I think, be over-estimated, and the cheap edition which you are bringing out is bound to be popular among all classes, and especially with the rising generation."

Mr. Balfour "Faced the Music" of the Commons again on Monday last. The First Lord of the Treasury advised that the debate which Sir Charles Dilke wished to raise on China should be deferred until Friday of next week. Questioned as to the intentions of Her Majesty's Government in the event of war between the United States and Spain, the First Lord of the Treasury said it was not customary to issue a proclamation enjoining the observance of neutrality on the part of British subjects until hostilities had actually broken out. Subsequently the Civil Service Estimates were considered in Committee of Supply.

Better Late than Never.—On June 1. Kew Gardens will be open to the public at ten o'clock instead of noon.

The Funeral of Mr. Woolf Joel, the murdered millionaire partner of the late Barney Barnard, took place last Tuesday at Willesden. The coffin bore the following inscription:—"Woolf Joel, born Nov. 22, 1863; died March 14, 1898. Rest in Peace."

The United States, Spain, and Cuba.—Both Spain and the United States are ready for war. The House of Representatives at Washington on Monday adopted the Cuban resolution of the Senate, striking out, however, the clause recognising the independence of the island. The latter body in turn rejected a motion in favour of concurring with the Lower House, and returned the resolutions, at the same time deciding not to ask for a Conference Committee. This was followed by another vote in the House refusing to accept the Senate's resolutions in their original form. Conference Committees were then appointed. Intense excitement prevailed at Washington throughout Monday, and all the talk was of war. Much speculation was rife as to the meaning of the withdrawal of Spanish war-ships from Havana Harbour, and it was generally believed to be due to the intention of Spain to remove the theatre of war to European waters.

England Acquires a Great Chinese Coal-Field.—The *Daily Telegraph* on Monday published an interesting account of an important concession made to a syndicate of English capitalists by the Chinese Government, which gives them the right to fully exploit the coal and iron fields of the Province of Shan-Si, in North-East China. The coal-fields are believed to be the richest and largest in the world.

General Miles.—The command of the United States Army is nominally in the hands of the President, and in Lincoln's day it was a very real power. But Mr. McKinley, although he served in the Federal ranks in his youth, is likely to have most of the power and responsibility to the Commander-in-Chief, General Nelson A. Miles. General Miles also served in the Civil War, and it fell to his lot to be in command of the guard set over the Confederate President, Jefferson Davis, after the fall of the Confederacy. This circumstance has made General Miles unpopular in the South to the present day. He has seen much service in the Indian frontier wars, and was in command of the troops at the Chicago strike riots of 1894.



GENERAL MILES.

The Guardian Angel of New York Harbour may well be sketched in a week when war between Spain and the United States seemed trembling in the balance. The Narrows is the entrance to New York Bay, into which the picturesque Hudson River flows. Here the panorama of the city and its suburbs unfolds itself. The most conspicuous object is the colossal statue of "Liberty enlightening the world" on Bedloe's Island, about a mile and three-quarters from New York City, and about the same distance from Brooklyn and Jersey City, east and west. This statue, which faces the east, is of copper, 101 ft. high. It is a draped female figure crowned by a diadem, holding a tablet in the left hand and a torch in the right. At night the torch is lit by electricity, and can be seen for a great distance. The forefinger of the goddess is 7 ft. long, and over 4 ft. in circumference. The nose is more than 3 ft. long. The statue weighs 25 tons and is hollow, a staircase affording access to the head. It stands on a granite pedestal 155 ft. high, so that its total height above low-water mark is 305 ft. The statue cost a million francs, and was

The Gift of the French Nation to the American People. It had long been the pet project of its sculptor, Auguste Bartholdi, but when it had been completed there were no funds for its erection. Another public subscription was started, this time in New York, to defray the cost of the pedestal and its erection. Chisly

You should read the "P.P." in NINETY-EIGHT if you wish to be UP-TO-DATE.

joined the Army in 1880, and was made a Lieutenant in 1881. He first saw active service during the Egyptian War of 1882, being present at the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, when he received the medal and clasp and the Khedive's star. He also served with the Cameron Highlanders through the Nile campaign of 1884-85, and at the close received a second clasp, and obtained his company. Captain Urquhart was again under fire in the Sudan Campaign of 1885-86, taking part in the sieges of Kosheh and the battle of Ginnis. In 1886 he was appointed aide-de-camp to the Governor-General of Canada. The Gazette of March 5 contained the announcement of Captain Urquhart's elevation to the rank of Major. He died cheering on his men with the cry, "Never mind me, lads; go on!" (an exclamation erroneously, it appears, attributed to the late Captain Findlay). He leaves an estate in the Highlands worth about £7000 a year, which, it is said, now passes to his cousin, Mr. H. H. Champion, the Socialist. Mr. Champion was himself an officer in the Army, was converted by the late Henry George, and threw up his commission. He is now in Melbourne, running a newspaper. The latest story is that he is not to get this windfall after all, but we shall see.

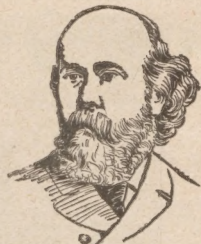
Captain Findlay, who also fell at Athra, was a splendid giant, being the second tallest officer in the British Army. The late Lieutenant P. A. Gore only joined the Seaforth Highlanders a year ago, and this was his first engagement.

Viscount Oxenbridge died last Saturday at the British Embassy in Paris, we regret to hear. His brother, Sir Edmund Monson, British Ambassador to France, was with him at the time, having sent Mr. Goschen to fill his place as Minister in Attendance on the Queen at Nice. The Viscount became extinct; but the Barony of Monson descends to his brother, Captain the Hon. D. J. Monson. The late Lord Oxenbridge, a staunch Liberal, was a popular member of the National Liberal Club. But it was to be regretted that he allowed his name to be associated with some of the financial schemes of Jacob Balmor and the "Liberator" clique.

The "Three Friends" filibustering ship has more than once conveyed LATE VISCOUNT OXENBRIDGE, cargoes of war material and parties of Cuban sympathisers from American shores to Cuba. Another famous filibuster, the *Zanadua*, was



Sir W. T. Lewis, the Chairman of the Emergency Committee of the South Wales Coal-Owners' Association, has his hands pretty full at the present juncture, but he is a man who is not very likely to lose his head or his temper in the difficult negotiations with which he has to deal. The Welsh colliery dispute is a very unfortunate business, especially considering that it is from the South Wales mines that all the best steam coal comes. This wretched strike consequently causes enormous loss and inconvenience, not only to the mines and coal-miners themselves, but also to the vast manufacturing and shipping interests, which depend so greatly upon a steady and trust-worthy supply of steam coal. It is earnestly to be hoped that prudent counsels will prevail, and that employers and colliers will have the good sense to make peace on fair terms.



Sir W. T. Lewis.

At the Royal Artillery Theatre, Woolwich, which at one time was the garrison church, Mr. Harry Bruce's company have been appearing in "A Night in Armour," a play as dramatically exciting as an Adelphi melodrama, and as musically entertaining almost as a Gaiety comedy. Among actors who can disguise their individuality few are more successful than Mr. Norman Partridge, who represents the persecuted hero, James Milbourne, aided by Mr. C. Wilton, Mr. Maurice Love, Mr. Frank Collins, Mr. Louis Nanton, Miss Nellie Hallam, and other clever performers. Messrs. Walter Burnet and Harry Bruce have every reason to hope that their new play, "On Distant Shores," in which the adventures of James Milbourne are continued, will be as successful in Woolwich and elsewhere as for the past three years their earlier play has been.

"Bilberry of Tilbury" the highly amusing new musical piece written by Mr. Sullivan Danney and composed by Mr. Guy Jones, was produced with marked success at Northampton, on Monday. Mr. H. Cecil Beryl straightaway looked a thirty-five weeks' tour for it.

away money on the bogus West Australian gold-mines, which have swallowed up millions of English gold and yielded nothing. The contributors are all men of good position and trustworthy; and this standard handbook may be ordered through any bookseller. Mr. Plummer, who has a charming abode looking on Sydney Harbour, was formerly well known in London journalistic circles, and did good work on the staff of the *Hornet* and the *London Figure*.

The Grenadier Guards have won the tug of war championship against the Royal Artillery at Gibraltar.

The Measham, Butleigh, and Norwich Horrors.—At Measham, no 7 Ashby-de-la-Zouch, early last Sunday morning, Frederick Murphy, an insurance agent, attempted to take the life of his landlady, a widow named Wilman, by shooting her with a revolver. He afterwards shot himself dead. The deceased was formerly butler to the Earl of London, at Willesley Hall.—The inquest on the body of Mrs. Annie Rebecca Drownell, who was murdered on Friday week at a farmhouse at Butleigh, near Somerton, was held on Saturday. The accused was present in custody, and appeared perfectly indifferent to the proceedings. The jury returned a verdict that death was the result of wounds inflicted by Charles Weaver, who was charged with wilful murder.—The inquest on the body of Mrs. Sophia Watt, who was shot dead by her husband, George Watt, at the rear of the cottage she occupied at Spowden, Norwich, on Thursday week, was held on Saturday, before Mr. W. M. Barton, Coroner for the Duchy of Lancaster. The jury returned a verdict of "Wilful murder."

A Woolwich Tragedy.—John W. Sando, a chief engineer, was, at Woolwich Police Court last Monday, charged, on remand, with the murder of his landlady, Harriet Steward. In the course of further evidence, Dr. Lynn produced three bullets which he had extracted from the body of the murdered woman, and stated that they corresponded with the ball cartridges found on the prisoner. Another remand was ordered.

Suicide of a Lady Novelist.—A coroner's inquiry into the death of Mrs. Edith Beaufort, a novelist, aged thirty-six years, was held at Chiswick last Monday. Evidence was given to the effect that Mrs. Beaufort had lived apart from her husband, a journalist, and had written novels to maintain herself and her three children. Her anxieties had preyed upon her mind, and she had spoken to her sister of suicide. She poisoned herself by turning on the gas, after having closed all the windows. A verdict of suicide whilst temporarily insane was returned.

A Shocking London Murder.—Miss Byrne, who managed a lodging-house in Red Lion Square, Holborn, for her mother, was found in her room last Sunday afternoon in a dying state, and bleeding from several wounds. She

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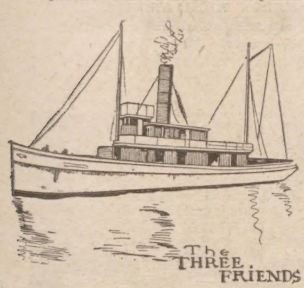


Miss Phyllis Howell (First Prize-Winner), second from right; Miss Peggy Howell (Second), first from right.

LADIES' SLOW BICYCLE RACE.

See "The World of Justice."

recently stopped by the U.S.A. authorities; a third, the *Commodore*, was shipwrecked, one of the passengers being Stephen Crane, the author of "The Red Badge of Courage," since appointed War Correspondent to a London daily. In one respect the *Three Friends* and her sister ships are the



The THREE FRIENDS

cause of the present difficulty, and the charge is freely made by the Spaniards that the American Government has connived at their proceedings.

Mr. Phelps, late U.S. Minister in London, has expressed himself freely about this side of the question. He says: "The rebellion would long ago have perished from exhaustion had it not been supported and supplied by our neutrality laws and treaty obligations. Our Government [that of the United States] has not, it is true, endeavored to suppress them, and it has made some ineffectual attempts through United States Marshals, who have usually arrived at the wharves from which the vessels have sailed soon after their departure. A twentieth part of the naval force which we are now ransacking the world to collect, for what are called 'the purposes of national defence,' would have put an end to the only source of rebellion that has been kept alive. We recovered fifteen millions from Great Britain for the depredations of the *Alabama*, only built, armed, manned, or fitted out in that country, on the ground that her Government was not vigilant enough in preventing the sailing of the vessel. It is to be doubted before a tribunal of arbitration against our Government in respect to these expeditions!"

The Heroine of "The Heart of Maryland."

Mrs. Leslie Carter was in last week's P.I.P.

depicted as she swings from the bell in this exciting American play at the Adelphi. This is one of the most daring feats ever performed by an actress of mark, and Mrs. Leslie Carter needs great courage as well as considerable gymnastic skill. It having been reported that a deputy takes the place of Mrs. Leslie Carter in this sensational act, we have much pleasure in giving a sketch-portrait of this intrepid emotional actress, and in affirming, on the authority of Mr. Fred. Latham, that it is actually "Maryland" herself who achieves this stage triumph.



Mrs. LESLIE CARTER.

The Corri-Sims Military Comic Opera, which "caught on" immediately at the Prince of Wales's, Birmingham, in Easter week, and was welcomed as a big success, cannot come to town just yet, unfortunately. "The Dandy Fifth," sparkling with rich "Dagonee" humour and tuneful as Compo or Corri could make it, met on Monday with the same hearty reception at Portsmouth, and is to delight Plymouth, Wolverhampton, Newcastle, and Manchester before London can welcome it.

The Brighton Metropole Sensation.—A verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind" was on Monday returned at the inquest on Annie Marie Fox, aged thirty, the wife of a solicitor residing at Hailsham Avenue, Streatham Hill, who threw herself out of a window in the Hotel Metropole, Brighton, falling a distance of 73 feet. It appears that the dead lady had been suffering from internal complications, which produced depression of spirits.

Mr. John Lewis, Referee in the Association Cup Final Tie at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last, returned home on Monday night suffering from the effects of an accident which went unrecorded at the time. A rush of the crowd across the ground when time was signalled, Mr. Lewis was knocked down and trampled upon quite accidentally, and received injury to his leg, which has since caused him much pain.

The Year-Book of Australia for 1898 (to which Mr. John Plummer, an English journalist in Sydney, is a prominent contributor) is a publication that should be read by every British investor who may be tempted to throw

was taken to King's College Hospital, where it was found that she had been repeatedly stabbed in the back with a fine-bladed knife. She expired very soon after admission. Jonathan Love, a seaman, aged fifty-two, was arrested early last Monday morning, at Edmonton Workhouse, for the murder of Miss Byrne. The prisoner admitted his guilt to the police. He was, at the Clerkenwell Police-court, later in the day, charged with the murder, and was remanded. Love appears to have been formerly in the

THE LATE MISS BYRNE.



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THE LODGING-HOUSE IN WHICH MISS BYRNE WAS MURDERED. The employment of Mrs. Byrne, and to have persecuted the poor young woman he is alleged to have murdered with anonymous letters.

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MAJOR-GENERAL SIR H. H. KITCHENER, K.C.M.G.,
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AT THE VICTORY OF ATBARA.



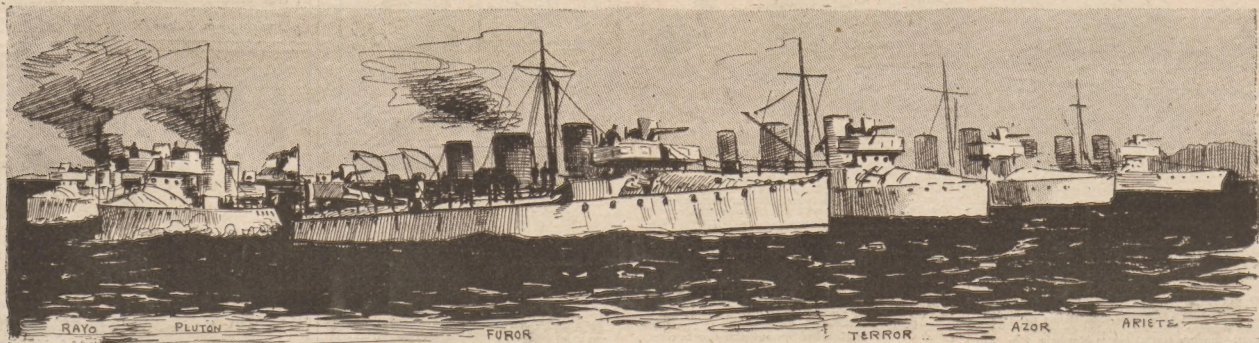
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COLONEL R. H. MURRAY,
 WOUNDED AT ATBARA.



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THE LATE MAJOR URQUHART.
 KILLED AT ATBARA.



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COLOUR-SERGEANT OF THE CAMERON HIGHLANDERS,
 THE GALLANT REGIMENT WROTE STEADINESS WON THE SUDAN'S ADMIRATION AT THE BATTLE OF ATBARA.
 See Kay Bee's Poem, page 260.



Both Spain and Her Democratic Rival have "shut down" on the newspaper correspondent, writes our "Blue Peter." There is no denying that this is a wise and rational course, since the great object in war is to conceal your movements from the enemy; and publicity, of course, defeats this. But it is very hard on us neutrals. We want to know all that is going on, and that is just the thing that is now difficult. The U.S. Flying Squadron would like to know where the Spanish Torpedo craft are at present. The Torpedo Flotilla (sketched at Cape Verde) is looking, on its side, to catch the Yankee ships unawares at night. That is the special rôle of torpedo craft. Till then they wish to lie quiet. Some of these fast torpedo-boats can steam thirty knots. Were the Spanish officers good and efficient, each of these destroyers might be reckoned as good for a Yankee battle-ship; but the Spanish officer is not of the best material. They may do something; but the odds are that they will be ingloriously sent to the bottom. What renders the matter specially interesting is that these rival squadrons will probably be the first to fight in the event of war breaking out.

READY FOR WAR: SPANISH TORPEDO FLOTILLA AT CAPE VERDE ISLANDS.

THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

THE CUP FINAL AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

THIS but fifteen years since Blackburn Olympic won the Football Association Cup by beating, after an extra half-hour's play, the Old Etonians, yet what a vast change has come over the whole of the proceedings! When this match was played—at Kennington Oval, where all the previous finals had taken place—there was no great rush for "coigns of vantage," and the large majority of the few thousand spectators belonged to the south, if not by birth, by residence. The trophy (the original cup) was not much to look at, nor was its value an important matter—I fancy I can now see the astonished look on the faces of the winners when the presentation was made on the ground—and success in those days was not calculated greatly to enrich the coffers of

M^R JEFFERSON
STARTING ON HIS
RIDE TO KHIVA
FROM THE CATFORD
CYCLE TRACK
LAST SATURDAY MORNING



the club that achieved it. From that day no Southern club has reached the final stage, and now to do so means a very great deal in more ways than one. The new cup is somewhat more attractive in appearance than the old one, and its intrinsic worth is perhaps greater; but these things are as nothing to the financial profit which accrues to the clubs fortunate enough to reach the final, or even semi-final, stage. Neither

Notts Forest nor Derby County, the two clubs that met at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last, had ever before succeeded in staying to the end of a competition which, started in 1871 by a few amateur clubs, may now be regarded as one of professional character, for while no combination of unpaid talent is now included among those exempt from the preliminary rounds, it is difficult to see how, with so many football agents about ready with inducements to players of promise, there is ever likely to be again. The only chance is an "Old Boys' Club," and even this is remote unless there should arise at one and the same time players of the class of the Walters, Cobbold, etc.

THE ENGLISH CUP: FINAL TIE

AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE LAST SATURDAY.



3.
NOTTS FOREST
DERBY COUNTY
1.
THE FINAL SCORE.

NOTTS ENTHUSIASTS
BROUGHT THEIR
FLAGS
WITH THEM.

LORD ROSEBERY
PRESENTING THE
NOTTS FOREST CAPTAIN
WITH THE CUP.

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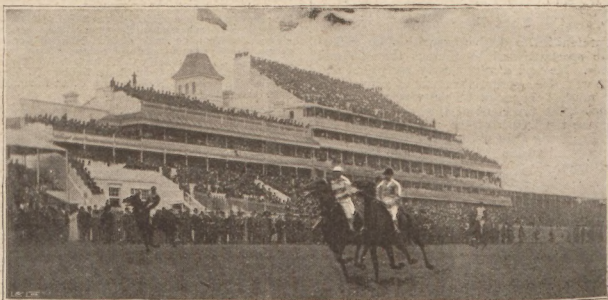


"P.I.P." PHOTO—THAMES VALLEY SAILING CLUB: MATCH AT HAMPTON ON SATURDAY LAST.

"P.I.P." EPSOM SNAP-SHOTS AT THE CITY AND SUBURBAN.



COACHES COMING UP THE HILL.



THE PRELIMINARY CENTER.

However, this is not dealing with the match of Saturday, in which the play, as usual in Cup finals, was not high class, and which the non-favourites won.

Yes, Notts Forest Proved Successful.

Contrary to general expectation; but this was due in a far greater measure to the moderate, even bad play of their opponents, whose half-backs were undoubtedly of colour, and whose forwards frequently finished up a rush well begun in the tamest manner possible. At half, the Notts Forest team compared very favourably, and for their full backs nothing I can say would be too good. The men from the Lace City scored two goals to one in the first half, and though for a time in the second the Derby men had the better of the game, the score for a long time remained the same, the defence of Notts proving very sound. When within fifteen minutes of time Notts Forest, it was evident, had made up their minds to do all they could to preserve their lead and little else, for they practically converted two of their forwards into half-backs. Nevertheless, their goal had one particularly narrow escape, and singularly a few minutes later the Notts men forced the game to the opposite end and from a corner kick gained a third goal. Then for the few minutes left they again became simply

NOTTS FOREST.				
	Height.	Weight.		
	ft. in.	st. lb.	Age.	
D. Allsop (goal)	5 10	12 0	27	
A. Ritchie (right back)	5 7	12 0	27	
A. Scott (left back)	5 5	12 7	27	
Frank Egan (right half back)	5 11	12 1	22	
J. Macpherson (capt.) (centre half-back)	5 7 1/2	11 7	30	
W. Wragg (left half-back)	5 11	12 3	22	
T. Holmes (outside right)	5 8	13 0	24	
C. H. Richards (inside right)	5 6	13 11	23	
J. Benbow (centre)	5 6	10 8	21	
A. Capes (inside left)	5 8	12 8	22	
A. Spenser (outside left)	5 9	9 11	20	

Referee: Mr. J. Lewis (Blackburn). Linesmen: Messrs. P. A. Timbs (hon. sec. Middlesex F.A.) and A. Scragg (Crews).

The Football Season.

Though eight months are now devoted to the Association game, this does not appear to satisfy some, for at Saturday's meeting of the council it was proposed that the last fortnight in May and the first fortnight in August should be an extension for the playing of charity matches. The feeling of the majority of those assembled was rather in favour of curtailment, and I am firmly of opinion that a week off at each end would do more good than harm.

The Players' Union.

Some time since I pointed out that the Association Football Union might endeavour to do more than the F.A. would like. This has evidently come to pass, for the latter body has passed a resolution to the effect that they cannot recognise the Players' Union unless the rules of that body are modified considerably. At present some of the rules are antagonistic to the jurisdiction of the F.A. I cannot quite

R. L. Jefferson Off Again.

This time the plucky rider is making for Khiva; and he began his journey on Saturday morning last, starting from the Catford track in a suit made of camel's hair, and on a "Hovor" which, with luggage, weighed 55 lb. On the Friday evening Jefferson had been entertained to dinner at the Hotel Cecil by a small party presided over by C. F. Sley, and including J. K. S. Starley. On Saturday the traveller was the guest of the Dover Cycling Club, and on Sunday the Channel was crossed. The R.L.P. wishes him a safe and successful journey to Khiva, associated for ever with poor Fred Burnaby's famous ride.

Game Bantams at the National Sporting Club.

With characteristic consideration for their many members, the management of the N.S.C. arranged a capital programme for Monday—the eve of the Epsom Spring Race-Meeting. A competition for novices at 9st. was one of the items, and it provided some very fair sport. The result was a victory for Fred Stocks, of Lambeth, whose opponent was Sapper Morgan, of the Royal Engineers. The event of the evening was, however, a contest, arranged for twenty rounds, between

Harry Ware (Mile End) and Jim Williams (Marylebone).

and upon the issue rested a bet of £100 aside and a purse. Williams's chance was favoured by the majority, and 12 to 10 was offered against the Mile End. Palsey Williams, Jim Styles, and Bill Fox tented Williams, and Pedlar Palmer, Tom Ireland, and Ernie Stanton looked after Ware. Mr. B. J. Angle was referee, the judges were Mr. Eugene Corrie and Mr. W. Foxton. Mr. "Dick" Smith held the watch, and Mr. A. F. Bettinson was M.C. Both boxers seemed very anxious, and their early efforts were in consequence not always well directed. Ware proved very strong on his legs, but in other respects Williams was superior, and if anything had the better of the first two rounds. In

THE RACING WORLD.

THE Racing World laid itself out very largely for the Epsom Spring Meeting, and no wonder, for the programme was specially attractive, and the weather prospect particularly cheerful. Epsom has for years been

Growing in Popularity.

despite the gate-money meetings, which might be expected to divide custom with it, and the people are as fond of the race as ever. Both the standard handicaps were more than usually interesting.

The Metropolitan.

had a capital field left in, though its entry was not over-luxuriant. Bird on the Wing cut up very badly, as in fact did all in the Metropolitan except Villiers and History. The latter always had the race in hand, and won very cleverly—Villiers second and Oakdene third. As for

The City and Suburban.

that had the makings of a fine contest indeed; also the elements of a surprise, for it was generally reckoned a very good one, and while the favourites carried the confidence and money of the very best judges, you could scarcely pick out one horse and say the animal was absolutely hopeless. A feature of the betting was the way in which horses whose stables frequently are mutually interested were said to be opposing each other. There was

Sandia.

who became first favourite last week, and was always well backed. Mr. Lorillard, who got over from New York in nine time to see his horse run, has a partnership with Lord Villiers in the Sandia. The latter has a friendly interest in Marsh's stable, who purchased Nunsuch—at least, H. H. H. the Prince of Wales did—and, again, there was

St. Cloud II.

opposing the other American, Sandia. All of these three were believed in by the parties. Money had come in plenty for Sandia, and I am sure no horse could be looking better. Those who were

At Newmarket for the Craven Meeting.

and happened to witness his capital gallop on Thursday morning were quite prepared to hear Sandia admired by the crowds on the day. A very industrious sightseeing company it was, prepared to see all it could for its money. Everywhere the attendance was great, as one might anticipate from the quality of the attractions. Because, come rain or shine, folk carry out their pleasure programmes somehow, and will get to the scene of action in one way or another. They had heard of the

Fruit-Trees Looking at their Best.

robbed in curtains of blossom, of the fast expanding foliage, the eye-refreshing herbage, and the stir of vegetation springing was at length making. The course, they were told, on excellent authority, was in rare condition. Everything was arranged all spick and span for their reception; and what was as important as anything else, a big arrival list had been completed, so they were sure of

Plenty of Sport.

But to leave the crowds in the paddock and the club-stand—at whose flag-post so many looked to see if the Royal Standard would indicate the

Royalty was Present.

Tattersall's chafet, the silver ring with its complement, the stables not so well patronised, the roof to which many climbed quite early enough, the carriages over the way a moderate show, the people "outside" lining the rails, and the gathering at the starting-post—let us leave them cutting this cackle, and getting back to the "osces. There was a sort of fitness in a victory for

Nunsuch.

because he was to a great extent a local horse, though now trained at Newmarket; and though Sandia's backers, also St. Cloud's, must be pleased to win. Nunsuch's was to be preferred from a patriotic point of view, if only for the good of the race. But when you go further, what about the Royal owner?

H. H. H. the Prince of Wales.

would need no telling that, no matter where he might be, a success of his would bring us all out at our best, from the presumably impassive big personage to the humble, hearty footman, better trained in the art of noise-making. Certainly the horse wanted to win before all others, in two senses, was Nunsuch, and Madden's personality gained greatly in regard through being the jockey to ride.

Sam Loates.

who piloted Sandia, never looked more confident, but then he always does, as do most of the celebrated jockeys.

John Watts and Kilcock.

were, I thought, the pick of the basket. The public are fine judges. They declared for Kilcock despite his great weight. They worship a horse capable of doing big things, and Kilcock has accomplished such or only narrowly failed in the attempt. Newhaven's winning was scarcely seriously anticipated by the many-headed. That Rickaby would be on a horse who at his best must be high-class, they knew all right, but Newhaven's time was believed not quite yet, though you could scarcely be surprised at anything he did.

Knight of the Thistle and M. Cannon.

made a pretty pair, and, strange to say, the Knight's carrying off the prize meant taking more money from the book-makers than it would if Knight of the Thistle had not been beaten badly in his last race.

Allsop.

has a deservedly great reputation for slipping off and braving the dangers of steep gradients and sharp curves. Eager was reported in tip-top trim, and not a few had laid themselves out for a good win on

Mr. Fairlie's Horse.

who was always a good order in the ring. No one would be surprised at Chisholmhampton's being an absentee, but many a thousand would if

Lord Rosebery's Chelandy.

was. She was one of the first backed, and, with trainer, owner, and jockey confident, all who followed were sure of a good show for their money. Charles Wood liked his mount, and Wood is a good judge. All Epsom, of course, was on, and, as usual, counted their winnings before the numbers went up.

But Mr. L. Brassey's Bay Ronald won the City and Suburban.

on Wednesday afternoon, justifying my tip last week that Bay Ronald was "best goods" at the price. It was a gratifying victory for owner, trainer, jockey—and for me—I may be excused for shaking hands with myself when so many others pinned their faith to other colours. Still Bay Ronald was a lucky winner, for Newhaven II. made up a tremendous lot of ground. The Australian, if the race had been run differently, would have won to a certainty.

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Mr. L. Brassey's Bay Ronald	5 7 13	W. Bradford
(Jennings, Jun., T.)		
Mr. W. Cooper's Newhaven II.	5 8 8	Rickaby
(Blackwell, T.)		
Mr. F. E. Hunt's Craftman	5 6 2	Purkiss
(Hunt, Jun., T.)		

BENDIGO.

The Burning of Spurgeon's Tabernacle on Wednesday afternoon is a sad blot on the congregation, whose pious devotion to their favourite place of worship must, however, soon lead to its restoration.



THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT HONOUR WITH THEIR PRESENCE THE ALDERSHOT MILITARY TOURNAMENT.

defenders, and when the whistle blew the crowd hailed

Notts Forest Victors by Three Goals to One.

As usual, excellent judgment had been displayed by Mr. Henry Gillman and his brother officials in the manner of arrangements. These were carried out on the chance of 80,000 people being present, and as the number fell 20,000 short of this, it goes without saying that everything went as smoothly as possible. Stay! I should say except in one particular: provision for the Press. This might certainly have been improved upon. In the pavilion there was, as usual, a large muster of famous players and encouragers of the game.

Lord Rosebery.

was present in the double capacity of an enthusiastic spectator and to present the cup and medals. He had a very hearty reception, and spoke well, his appropriate remarks gaining for him musical honours. This was after Lord Kninard, the president of the Association, had proposed the health of the nobleman who has been England's Prime Minister, and whose name figures twice on the list of those who have won the Derby.

DERBY COUNTY.

	Height.	Weight.		
	ft. in.	st. lb.	Age.	
J. S. Fryer (goal)	5 6 1/2	12 7	29	
J. Mathew (right back)	5 7 1/2	12 11	25	
J. Leiper (left back)	5 8	11 12	24	
J. D. Cox (right half)	5 7	11 2 1/2	28	
A. Goodall (centre half)	5 6	12 2	32	
J. Turner (left half)	5 11	12 9	28	
J. Goodall (capt.) (outside right)	5 8 1/2	12 0	35	
S. Bloomer (inside right)	5 7 1/2	11 3	24	
J. Boaz (centre forward)	5 9	11 6	22	
J. Stevenson (inside left)	5 6	10 11	22	
H. McQueen (outside left)	5 7	11 5 1/2	27	

see how the players can afford to run by themselves, but if that is what they want to do, the F.A. would be wise to let them try it. It might, after all, not be a bad thing for the game in a general sense.

South London Harriers.

Owing to the extensive alterations being carried out at Kenning Oval, the "irrepressibles" had to seek other quarters for their Spring meeting, held on Saturday. The Croydon Football Club Ground, Whitehorse Road, proved a very happy selection, though the lap was not more than a fifth of a mile. There was a large company present, and in favourable circumstances a capital programme of events provided excellent sport. H. G. Gordie, O.V.A.C., with 23 yards start, won the 100 yards in excellent form, the time being 1-5 sec. R. Willis, Finchley H., had an easy task in the half, but J. Butler, Holytechnie H. (300 yards), and W. Endean (170 yards) made matters pretty interesting in the two-mile walk, the former winning by twelve yards. The mile went to R. T. Rowan, Finchley H., who, with 170 yards start, reached home in 4 min. 25-5 sec. H. W. White, L. and N. W. A. C. (19 yards), won the 50, and H. A. Byrne, S.I.H. (40 yards), took the three-miles handicap. The prize-winners received their trophies from the hands of Mrs. Gibb, wife of one who won his spurs some two decades since. There was a fine array of officials, notably C. Herbert, C. Val Hunter, A. J. Fowden, Herbert Gray, E. H. Pelling, H. Venn, "Charlie" Lockton, F. Wyborn, and G. C. Innes. No wonder things ran along smoothly!

Surbiton.

always a capital and "classy" meeting, proved particularly enjoyable on Saturday by reason of the fine weather. Ladies and children were as usual present in large numbers, and carriages of all kinds being in position round the ropes gave one the idea of something quite different from the ordinary athletic meeting. There were present in an official capacity F. B. Windler, Horace Davenport, Bulmer Howell, R. Philpot, E. T. Sachs, G. W. Ricketts, and S. K. Holman. As usual the majority of the events were of local interest, plenty of attention being devoted to the juveniles and a slow bicycle race being organised for the fair sex; but there were invitation races, and these commanded capital entries. The quarter was won by H. N. Collart, L.A.C., 20 yards; two miles by M. F. S. Dixon, L.A.C., 320 yards, the scratch man, H. M. Munro, L.A.C., being second; inter-club team steepchase by Surbiton Hockey Club, one of whose members, R. M. Harvey, was first man home. The I.P. Snap-shotter's "test" the ladies' slow cycle race, won by Miss Phyllis Howell—Miss Peggy Howell second.

the third and fourth rounds the work was exceedingly brisk, and it became quite evident that at the pace the contest would not last throughout the two rounds. The effect was visible even in the next round, though both stood well up to their work. So matters went on, Williams doing rather more of the leading, his finding Ware capable of standing his ground. In the eighth round Ware got in two severe blows, the right on the body and the left on the chin, the latter sending Williams to the floor. This made Williams weak, and he twice went down from comparatively light blows, but reviving towards the end of the round he headed Ware with two blows, delivered in quick succession, on the face. The ninth round proved the last. It had not lasted long, when Ware got home hard on the side of the head, and this so staggered Williams that Mr. Angle at once stopped the contest and declared Ware the winner.

Australian Cricketers.

The Sydney Cricket Association has asked the Council to intimate to the M.C.C. that the Australian team to visit England in 1899 will be financed by the Council. So says Reuter.

Thames Valley Sailing Club.

With the coming of the fine weather the river is once more a centre of attraction, and although as a general rule there are few pleasure-boats to be seen aloft before Whitecliffe, the last few weeks have been quite busy, the locks wearing quite a summerlike appearance. Among the first to herald the approach of the season are the sailing clubs, which generally manage to get through their Spring programme before the crash of pleasure-boats appears to block their way and make sailing a straight course almost an impossibility.

Last Saturday the Thames Valley Sailing Club held a match for boats above 75 at Hampton over a four-mile course. Six boats started. Mr. Knowles' *Ulen*, Mr. Waterer's *Atlanta*, Mr. Wheeler's *Elia*, Mr. Lafone's *Cobra*, Mr. Cathie's *Pirene*, Mr. Gonnell's *Fyrene*—finishing in the order named. Knownles' *Ulen* was 3 min. 40 sec. ahead of Mr. Waterer's *Atlanta*, with Mr. Wheeler's *Elia* only 15 sec. behind. These took the three prizes, Mr. Gonnell's *Fyrene* retiring before the finish of the race.

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"KOKO"

FOR THE HAIR

AUTHORITATIVE ANALYSIS.

CHEMICAL LABORATORY,

54, HULBORN VIADUCT, LONDON, January 18, 1888.

I hereby certify that I have submitted to a careful examination and Chemical Analysis a sample purchased by myself from the stock of a well-known firm of wholesale Druggists, of the preparation known as "Koko for the Hair."

I have found nothing in this preparation which could be injurious either to the head or hair, and the results of the analysis lead me to pronounce "Koko for the Hair" a pleasant dressing, which would undoubtedly be advantageous in many cases. I discovered in the preparation no ingredients of the nature of a coloring matter or dye.

EDWIN GODWIN CLAYTON, F.I.C., F.C.S.,

Member of the Society of Public Analysts, &c.



BEAUMONT MANSIONS,

W. KESSELS, Dec. 20, 1895.

I have chemically examined and have carefully observed the effects of "Koko" as an application for the Hair, and can testify to its possessing cleansing and invigorating properties in a marked degree.

While perfectly innocuous, it is highly antiseptic, and, in my opinion, for fixing the hair, it constitutes one of the safest and best preparations of its kind. As a preventive against most of the affections of the scalp, common to infancy and childhood, it is invaluable. It contains no lead or other noxious mineral.

ARCHER FARR, L.R.C.P., L.M.; Ed. L.S.A.,

Late Medical Officer of Health, Lambeth, Diploma Public Health, &c.

ROYAL TESTIMONIAL.

ROYAL TESTIMONIAL.

Berlin
Alsenstrasse
Feb 25th 1896.
"Koko" for the hair, is
the best dressing I know
it keeps the head cool,
promotes growth, and is
in every way excellent.
Princess Hohenlohe
Scheeringen

ORDER FROM ROYALTY.

ORDER FROM ROYALTY.

Dec. 20, 1895.

Sir
H. C. Aug. Kersling, 1st Lieut.
Detmold, 1st Regt.
I beg you to send me by
return 16 bottles of Koko for
the hair. You receive by P.O.
33/- If possible let me have
it by Wednesday morning
as it is for

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS

PRINCESS VICTORIA

of Schaumburg-Lippe.

(Sister of the German Emperor and Granddaughter of our Queen.)

The Popular Authors of "Bottle's Baby"

writes—
I think the best thing you could use to strengthen the hair
is "Koko," which I have always believed in, and re-
commend, especially for children. We have used it a
good deal in the nursery, and my children have very
nice hair, and plenty of it. "Koko" is an exquisitely
clean preparation, and makes the hair very bright. I
find it also very good for keeping down any form of
scurf, to which a great many children are subject.

A Doctor writes—

(The original letter can be seen at the Company's office.)
November 22, 1897. Gentlemen,—After using your "Koko"
for over six months, I must acknowledge its superiority
over any other dressing for the hair I have tried. It
keeps the head perfectly cool, and it does eradicate
dandruff, and gives the hair a fine, glossy appearance.
The medical treatment of dandruff may be summed up
in six words—viz., "Keep the head saturated with oil."
No doubt this is efficient; but if we adopt this method,
the head becomes dirty, for the simple reason that all
moving particles are caught and retained by the oil;
and, again, bed-linen is rendered disgusting by being
stained. Now, your "Koko" possesses none of these
disadvantages, and is equally, if not more, effective.
It is for this reason that I prefer it to any other dress-
ing. Since first trying it I have used no other, and have
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know how well pleased I am with your preparation.

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lustre, insures a luxuriant growth, and enables them to dress it in any style that
may be desired.

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irritation, and keeps the hair in whatever position desired.

They all Like It, because it is as pure as crystal, perfectly colourless, contains no
poisonous substance, no sugar of lead, sulphur, nitrate of silver, or grease, and does not
soil or colour the scalp, face, or the most delicate fabric in clothing, produces a wonderfully pleasant
and cooling effect on the head, and no other dressing is needed to give the hair the most beautiful
appearance possible. Try it once, and you will use no other.

A Military Knight of Windsor writes—

Windsor Castle,

May 9, 1895.

Kindly forward me another Bottle of "Koko." I
can conscientiously state that "Koko" has quite per-
formed all you say. I have found it most efficacious.
My hair came out more than I liked. Since using
it scarcely any remains in my brushes. I have
strongly recommended it to my friends, and certainly
I shall never use any other than "Koko."

COLONEL G. J. IVEY.

A Great Authoress writes—

Brougham House, Malvern.

Jan. 16, 1896.

Dear Sir,—I have used your "Koko" now since
June last, and I have not only stopped the falling out,
which had been excessive after a severe illness, but
I have an entirely new growth of hair, while the old
hair is longer. As I am not a young woman, but
an old one, I think this is a convincing test of
the value of your preparation.

E. LYNN LINTON.

Our Great Actress writes—

I have used "Koko" for the Hair for years, and
can assure my friends that it stops the Hair from
falling out, promotes growth, eradicates Dandruff,
and is the most pleasant dressing imaginable.

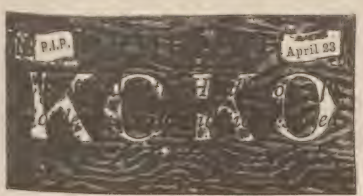
ELLEN TERRY.

A Well-known City Merchant, J. EDGILL,

COLES, Esq., of the eminent firm of Store
Bros. and Coles, of Upper Thames Street,
London, writes on July 3—

I am now convinced that without exception "Koko"
is the best preparation possible for restoring hair.
I was quite bald on the front, top, and back of my
head, and I have now a fine crop of hair. I am
strongly of opinion that if the Duke of Cambridge,
the Prince of Wales, and his good brother knew
your "Koko," they would use it. I enclose my photo-
just taken, and I consider it a marvellous recovery
of my hair, especially as I am over sixty years of
age. I am willing to answer any questions from
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only will be required when presented personally.

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THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

SPRING FASHIONS.

"WHERE do they get their hats? I never see such charming and tasteful models in the shop-windows" (she evidently had not seen the lovely hats and bonnets in the windows of Mrs. Ritchie's Regent Street establishment). The above remark was made to me by a friend who accompanied me to a recent Church Parade in Hyde Park, and she was alluding to the remarkably pretty headgear which is as a rule, but not invariably, worn by the leaders of fashion who grace the parade. I replied that I was quite sure that the smart young and middle-aged ladies went to show-rooms, and not to shop-windows, for their hats and bonnets; but there is a shop in Bond Street, in the window of which is a card with the following inscription: "Our best models are not in the window."

"But why not?" someone asks. I fancy it is because the goods which are exhibited in the windows are very quickly spoiled by sun and dust. Of course the shop-windows must be "dressed," but I do not think that the very choice models are exhibited therein as a rule—though Mrs. Ritchie's tasteful array is certainly an exception. I hope as the season advances that the

Hats Will be More Simple

and less burdened with heavy-looking trimming. Already the white over black, or white speckled with black, has become so common that it is impossible for any woman of good taste to appear in it. I have seen one or two hats of

White Satin Straw,

simply trimmed with a little black velvet or chiffon, and just a glint of colour—pink, blue, mauve, or yellow, according to taste; and there is also a fawn satin straw, which, if judiciously trimmed, looks very lady-like and pretty.

A Smart Wedding.

The wedding of Mr. E. Fitzroy Oakshott and Miss F. H. Royal Dawson was a very smart affair. It took place recently at Christ Church, Ealing. The bride looked very graceful in a dress of rich ivory satin, trimmed with pearls and crystals. Her veil was of tulle, and covered a chaplet of natural orange-blossoms in the hair. Her bridesmaids, Miss Royal Dawson (her only sister), Miss Marjorie Sherman, and Miss Kathleen Sherman (her nieces), wore frocks of white cashmere, trimmed with turquoise blue satin and guipure lace, and large hats of fancy white straw adorned with white chiffon and silver. Mr. Percy Oakshott (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. After the reception, held at the Prince's Hall, Ealing, the happy pair left for their honeymoon tour.

The Tailor-Made Dresses

hold their own, and some of them are very elaborate this season. The favourite trimming is

Black Tubular Braid.

I have seen several very smart coats and skirts, which have been designed and made by Bond Street tailors, which have rows of this tubular braid put on in a very effective manner, and it looks very well upon a coat and skirt of fawn summer cloth, and very smart indeed if the revers, waistcoat collar, and cuffs are of white moiré covered with rather thick lace.

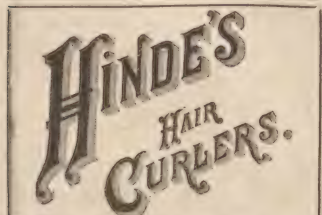
The "Three-Decker" Cape

is getting very common. It is not very pretty at its best. Why one of our clever designers cannot set to work and invent a pretty cape which has not dowdy, flat, sloping shoulders is a mystery to me. The majority of capes are rounded in front this season, and when seen from the front, with the dowdy shoulder-line mentioned above, and when they also stick out at sides and back, the result is not elegant. I am surprised that some of our great drapery establishments do not offer prizes for the newest and most graceful designs for capes. We go on with the same old things year after year without murmur or protest.

Skirts are Made Without Stiffening, and dress and under-skirts must be very plain on the hips. Many dressmakers are using nun's veiling for lining their skirts, in order that the latter may fall as softly as possible. But silk is also very much in favour.

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From a Photograph by E. E. Porter, The Mall, Ealing.

now the fine weather 's at last setting in, and as the trees are putting on their delicate mantles of green leaves women folks follow suit, and gift themselves in less darksome costumes. Apart from the ready-made 10s. 6d. costume, for which the firm is famous, John Noble, Limited, supply a rich variety of grenadines and lace cloths at 1s. 9d. the yard, pretty

fancy grass-lawns at 10½d. the yard, serviceable covert coating in the fashionable blue and other colours at 9s. the dress length, their new costume coating at 7s. 6d. the dress length, the newest designs in black dress fabrics at 2s. 6d. per yard, and a marvellously cheap dress parcel for 20s. But judge for yourselves by sending an application to the above address for John Noble's

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A Feast of Music

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Letters continue to pour in upon me about

Spring Cleaning.

how to set about it, etc. I am not exactly an expert in the matter myself, as I am obliged to get it done by others, and I am much too busy to overlook the process; but in looking over the *Happy Home* for April 16, I find very full directions given on page 626 by Mrs. Horefull. She calls it "a terrible time, only exceeded in discomfort by an actual removal"; but I am sure that her directions will be found very useful, especially by young housewives, who are new to the work. She recommends turpentine as a preventive for moths. I should think it would be. As to the majority of moth powders, they are a delusion, unless they are sprinkled afresh about once a week. In fact, I think that the moths rather like them when the pungency has worn off. I have tried several of them, so I speak from experience. Furriers have an evil-smelling stuff which is excellent, but it is almost impossible to get rid of the smell, and it is sickening. A correspondent asks how she is to

Preserve Cut Flowers.

which she is about to send from the country to London by post. Mrs. de Salis, who is an authority upon a great variety of household and other matters, recommends us to pack flowers in ice, with a little salt sprinkled over it; but it is easier to get in town than in the country, so we must try another method. She also recommends us to pack the flowers closely in tin cans; to cover the stems with moist cotton-wool, and to place a layer of wet cotton-wool over the blossoms. To keep cut flowers in our rooms from day to day, she tells us to sprinkle them with water, and at night to put a layer of well-damped cotton-wool over them. When

Flowers Arrive from the Country

they should be placed, Mrs. de Salis says, in strong tea—cold, I presume, or lukewarm—and a little saltpetre or carbonate of soda in the water they stand in, will keep them fresh for a day or two.

If I have among my readers any girls, young



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or past early youth, who desire to write for the Press, or for magazines (though I would strongly recommend them to take up any other occupation for choice), let me recommend to their notice a little book called

"Journalism for Women," by E. A. Bennett, Editor of *Woman*. It is published by John Lane, the Bodley Head, Vigo Street, London, W., and I should say, but I do not know, that the price is a shilling. The book is admirable from every point of view. I am an old hand at journalistic work, but it has taught me a great deal. The only thing I do not like about the book is the very ugly and inartistic cover. Is the woman in the red hat and cloak intended for a portrait of the "Fashion-writer" upon whom Mr. Bennett is so severe in Chapter X? By the way, "Fashion-writer" is a very slipshod mode of expression, and I deserve to be scolded for having used it, but custom is a tyrant before whom I think that Mr. Bennett himself must sometimes bow.

"A Bachelor Girl in London"

(Hutchinson and Co.) is clever, original, and amusing.

Lord Rowton's Cheap Hotels

should in time solve in a great measure the problem of comfortable board and lodging for

poor people in London—for women as well as for men in poor circumstances. In a fully illustrated article on Lord Rowton's London Lodging Houses in the *Young Man* for May, we are told that £30,000 was spent on the splendid building called Rowton House, Vauxhall, where for sixpence men can get the best night's lodging procurable for that sum in London. The working of this establishment was so successful that Lord Rowton found he had a profit of 5 per cent. on his venture, instead of a large deficit, as some of his friends promised him. The house met an obvious want. Indeed, it was full almost from the first night, and has continued so ever since it was opened in 1893. With the new capital a second house was built in Bagnidge Wells Road, near King's Cross, to contain 675 cubicles, and this was opened in February 1896. Before the end of the month it was fully occupied, and has so continued up to the present time. Yet another Rowton People's Hotel has been opened, with similarly gratifying success, in South London. Lord Rowton thoroughly enjoys his visits to his houses, and so do his friends; indeed, it is quite a revelation for them. The Duchess of York, her mother, the late Princess Mary of Teck, Cardinal Vaughan, Sir Squire Bancroft, the actor, and the Lord Chancellor, are only a few of the distinguished personages whom Lord Rowton has taken.

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The Secret of Health.

Mrs. Ernest Hart, wife of the late Dr. Ernest Hart, the Editor of the *British Medical Journal*, is a recognised authority on dietetics. In an interview in the *Young Woman* for May, Mrs. Ernest Hart says that the secret of health is the proper digestion and assimilation of food. "It is a prosaic fact, isn't it?" she remarked, "but it is a matter which is very much misunderstood; and the man or woman who wishes to avoid sickness, enjoy real health, and live a long active life, should endeavour—always taking into account the vagaries, or rather idiosyncrasies, of his or her own temperament—to reduce eating and drinking to a fine art."

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The Photograph from St. Helena

(the island on which Napoleon died on May 5, 1821), reproduced on page 368, was forwarded to the Editor of *The Penny Illustrated Paper* some months ago, but only now could room be found for the reproduction. Our thanks are due to Lieutenant A. Sloane Brady for his courtesy in sending the photograph, which represents the Government Training Boys' School at St. Helena, with their Excellencies the Governor and Mrs. Sterndale, the Officer Commanding, the Rev. E. H. Dodgson, and the officers and boys of the Church Lads' Brigade. St. Helena may well be proud of "the boys of the young Brigade." In publishing this view, let me express the great gratification of our chief and staff at the fact that *The Penny Illustrated Paper* has staunch friends and readers in such out-of-the-way places as St. Helena, and, as we are being agreeably reminded by the receipt of numerous interesting sketches, in other remote countries. It is the aim of all of us to make the paper more widely read still.

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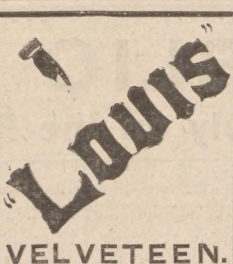
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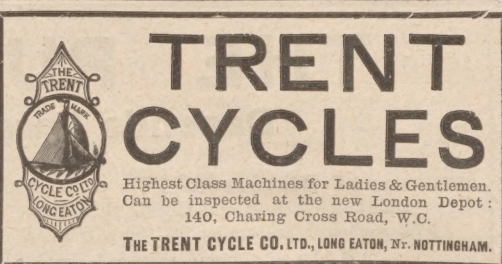
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